



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Reithinger, *et al.* Docket No.: 00P7685US  
Serial No.: 09/596,129 Art Unit: 2814  
Filed: June 16, 2000 Examiner: Phat X. Cao  
Title: Multiple Chip Semiconductor Arrangement having Electrical Components in  
Separating Regions

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are presented in response to the Examiner's  
Office Action mailed November 12, 2003. Please amend the above-referenced application as  
follows. This amendment does not raise any new issues.

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**Request for Refund Under 37 CFR § 1.26**

Dear Sir:

The above-referenced patent application has been assessed a fee of \$602. For the reasons stated below, Applicant submits that this fee was incorrectly charged and requests a refund of \$516.

**FACTS:**

1. On June 16, 2000, the above-referenced patent application was filed with 3 independent claims and 9 total claims, as noted on the Official Filing Receipt (Attachment A).

2. On June 11, 2002, Applicant filed an Amendment bringing the number of independent claims to 4 and the number of total claims to 13. Applicant authorized that Deposit Account 50-0845 be charged for any excess fees due, i.e. 1 extra independent claim (1\*\$84=\$84.00) (see Attachment B).

3. On February 11, 2003, Applicant filed an Amendment bringing the number of independent claims to 6 and the number of total claims to 18. Applicant authorized that Deposit Account 50-0845 be charged for any additional fees, i.e. 2 extra independent claims (2\*\$84=\$168.00) (see Attachment B).

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4. On June 12, 2003, Applicant filed an Amendment bringing the number of independent claims to 9 and the number of total claims to 23. Applicant made payment by check for \$84 for 1 extra independent claim. Applicant authorized that Deposit Account 50-0845 be charged for any additional fees, i.e. 2 extra independent claims ( $2 * \$84 = \$168.00$ ) and 3 extra total claims ( $3 * \$18 = \$54.00$ ) (see Attachment B).

5. On January 19, 2004, Applicant filed an Amendment bringing the number of independent claims to 11 and the number of total claims to 23. Applicant authorized that Deposit Account 50-1065 be charged for any fees, i.e. 2 extra independent claims ( $2 * \$86 = \$172.00$ ) (see Attachment B).

6. On January 27, 2004, Applicant's Deposit Account was charged \$86 for 1 excessive independent claim (Attachment C).

7. On February 17, 2004, Applicant's Deposit Account was charged \$602 for excessive independent claims. However, Applicant should have only been charged for 1 extra claim (\$86) (see Attachment D)

REMARKS:

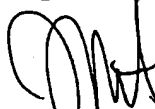
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Based on the Amendment of January 19, 2004, Applicant should have paid for two additional independent claims. On January 27, Applicant paid for one of those claims. Therefore, by February 17, fees for only one independent claim (\$86) were due.

Applicant respectfully requests a refund in the amount of \$516 (The \$602 taken from the Deposit Account less the \$86 owed for one independent claim). Please refund the \$516 to Deposit Account No. 50-1065.

If the office should have any questions, it is requested that Applicant's attorney be contacted at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Semiconductor arrangement ✓

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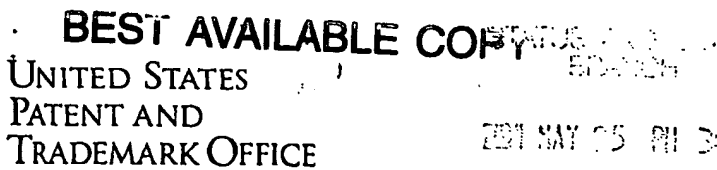
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ATTACHMENT B

I= Independent Claim

D= Dependent Claim

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Attachment B- Claims Spreadsheet (1 page)  
Attachment C- Deposit Account Summary January 2004 (1 page)  
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